

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9693–S9759*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1695–1702, S. Res. 281–284, and S. Con. Res. 41. **Page S9733**

**Measures Passed:**

**Government of Libya:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 253, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of Libya should apologize for the welcome home ceremony held to celebrate the release of convicted Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1035, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Feinstein (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2546, to strike the authorization of appropriations.

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**Senior Caregiving and Affordability:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 59, supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Helen Keller Statue:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 41, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

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**Hurricane Hugo 20th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, remembering the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Hugo, which struck Charleston, South Carolina on September 21 through September 22, 1989.

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**National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 283, expressing support for the goals and ideals of the first annual National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day taking place on September 26, 2009.

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**National Health Information Technology Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 284, expressing support for the designation and goals of “National Health Information Technology Week” for the period beginning on September 21, 2009, and ending on September 25, 2009.

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**Measures Considered:**

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Rejected:**

Vitter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Vitter Amendment No. 2508 (to the instructions on Vitter motion to recommit the bill), to prohibit the use of funds to delay the implementation of the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010–2015. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 293), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Feinstein (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2514, to strike the earmarks for the Save America’s Treasure program and to provide criteria for the distribution of grants under that program. (By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 294), Senate tabled the motion.)

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**Pending:**

Carper Amendment No. 2456, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.

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Collins Amendment No. 2498, to provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and

which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, and such official submits certain reports biannually to Congress. **Page S9706**

Isakson Modified Amendment No. 2504, to encourage the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in activities preserving the papers and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., under the Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009. **Page S9706**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2009, and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2009. **Page S9759**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S9731**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S9730–31**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S9750–57**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S9757**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) **Pages S9724, S9725**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9759.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, who was introduced by Senator

Cardin, and Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

### DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform, which would include legislative measures to help enhance effectiveness and independence, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, and Gayle L. Fischer, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, and April G. Stephenson, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

### USA PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act, after receiving testimony from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice; and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, Lisa Graves, Center for Media and Democracy, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, O'Melveny and Myers LLP, all of Washington, DC.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Richard Seeborg and Edward Milton Chen, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.